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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/001,397	KOIWAI ET AL.
	Examiner Timothy J. Thompson	Art Unit 2873

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Period for Reply

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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on an amendment filed on 5/27/2005 and a supplement filed on 7/10/05  
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final. and declaration filed on 7/10/05  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Oath and Declaration***

Claims 1-30 are rejected being a properly claim to the right to foreign priority has not been properly executed. Although a claim for foreign priority has been submitted by a statement filed by the attorney. Applicant has not complied with the requirement of 37 CFR 1.63©, since the oath, declaration, or application data sheet does not acknowledge the filing of any foreign application. A new oath, declaration, or application data sheet is required on the body of which the present application should be identified by application number and filing date.

The United States will recognize claims for the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based on applications filed under such bilateral or multilateral treaties as the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, Benelux Designs Convention and European Community Design. In filing a claim for priority of a foreign application previously filed under such a treaty, certain information must be supplied to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In addition to the application number and the date of filing of the application, the following information is requested: (1) the name of the treaty under which the application was filed; (2) the name of at least one country other than the United States in which the application has the effect of, or is equivalent to, a regular national filing; and (3) the name and location of the national or international governmental authority which received such application.

***Amendment***

The amendment filed on 5/27/2005 is improper. Claims 1 and 15 use double brackets around comma's. The double brackets should be replaced with single brackets under 37 CFR 1.121.

***Conclusion***

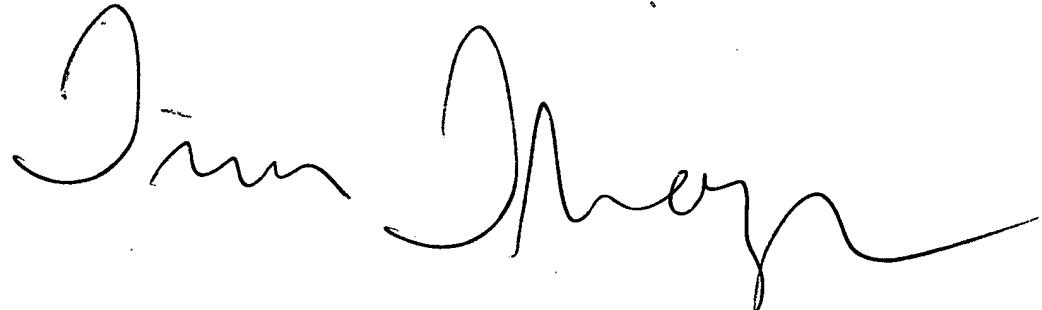
Note; Although in a phone conversation with the attorney for the applicant the examiner stated that the written claim for foreign priority, signed by the applicant's attorney, was acceptable, the examiner was incorrect. The attorney can either claim the foreign priority with a supplemental oath or declaration, or by use of an application data sheet.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2342. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 6:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mack Ricky can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'T' on the left and a more flowing 'h' and 'o' on the right.

TIMOTHY THOMPSON  
PRIMARY EXAMINER